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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Barry N. GARDINER et al.

Serial No.: 08/781,579

Filing Date: January 9, 1997

For: SUTURED STAPLE SURGICAL
FASTENERS, INSTRUMENTS AND
METHODS FOR MINIMALLY
INVASIVE VASCULAR AND
ENDOSCOPIC SURGERY

Examiner: L. Ngo

Group Art Unit: 3731



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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2000. This extension will extend the time the response is due from May 3, 2000 to June 3, 2000.

- ☒ A one month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$55.00.
- ☐ A *[second/third] month extension is requested; the extension fee is \$*.
- ☐ A *[one/two] month Petition for Extension of Time was previously filed with the appropriate fee on *.
- ☐ The shortened statutory period has been reset by an Advisory Action dated *.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$55.00 is attached.
- ☐ Charge \$* to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. 388402000900.

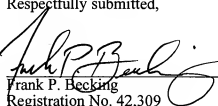
The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 388402000900. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.



Dated: June 5, 2000

Respectfully submitted,

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